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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1 to 8.

Part B for February 1918.

SUBJECT.

Offer of Mr Jagat Prasad Dy: Controller Post & Telegraphs Delhi to sell his collection of coins to the Government for about Rs 5,000/-

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1: 8. To The Asstt: Genl: Insurance.
C.B. G. 114 5-8 Dt 18-2-1918.
States that the proposal to purchase Mr: Jagat Prasad's collection of coins does not command itself to Govt:

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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NOTES.

File No. 118-17

FILE HEADING.

Purchase of Gold and Silver Coins for the Mysore Fort Museum

From

The Superintendent, Fort Museum

No. 3 * Dated 5.7.17. Received 6.7.17.

Diary No. 145	Enclos. 2. Spare Copies.	Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Submits for orders the offer of Mr. Jagat Prasad, Dy Controller, Post & Telegraphs Delhi to sell his collection of Coins to the Museum for ~~the~~ about Rs 5000/-

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Subd for orders. If the purchase of the Coins is decided upon, the question of finding funds therefor ~~will be taken up~~. May be ordered to be taken up.

9.7.17. 2 Call for a Copy of Mr R. Nara

12/7/17 Finance Chief Officer 12/13/7/17

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	Draft Sub R. 13/7/17 VS 4 June Up 14/7/17
2	To the Supdt Govt Museum No G. 520 of 17/7/17 Asks reply to Rl, requests him to forward a copy of Rao Bahadur Mr. R. Narasimhachari's opinion on the point.
3	From the Superintendent, Govt Museum No. 17 of 5/8. 8.17. Forwards copy of Mr R Narasimhachari's letter of 10-7-16. Submitted for orders. R. 8/8/17 VS 6 Mr Jagat Prasad offers his Collection of Coins for Sale. The Director of Archaeological Researches says that the Collection appears to be good and worthy of being added to the Museum Cabinet and the Supdt Govt Museum adds that this institution does not possess most of the Coins in this Collection. It is desirable therefore to purchase the Collection for the Museum. 7 Mr Jagat Prasad seems to demand about Rs 5000 for the Collection. 8 The Supdt may be asked to get the Collection Valued by an Expert and

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	to refer that the highest sum that may be paid for it. On receipt of this report, further action may be taken. First Member) WJ 9/8/17
	1 Yes 10/8 11/8/17
	10 Draft: subd 11 Issue ref 14/8/17
4	To The Supt Govt Museum No G. 2069 dt 16.8.17 With ref to the above, requests him to get the collection valued by an expert & report the result to Govt with a view to enable them to pass final orders in the matter.
5	To the Supt, Mysore Govt Museum. No. 70 dt 15th Dec 17. States that a Numismatist who went through the list of Mr Jagath Pershad's Collection of Coins (Gold & Silver) is worth Rs 2500 and the Copper & billon coins at Rs 100. 12 Subd. It is for orders if the Supt, Govt museum may be asked to communicate to Mr Jagat Pershad the valuation of the Coins as estimated by the Numismatist and ascertain the exact price at which

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	he would sell the collection to Govt.
	13 Subd for orders.
	21 9/12 VS
	14 Who was the Numismatist that made the Valuation? Is he a reliable person?
	21 19/12/17
	15 Subd with a draft making the Enquiry —
	21 20/12/17 VS 16 Issued 21/12/17
6	To.
	The Supdt. Govt. Museum
	G 8901 of 29.12.17.
	With refee. to the above enquiries as to who the ~~numismatist~~ numismatist is that made the valuation and whether he is a reliable person.
7	Fr. the Offg Supdt, Govt museum - No. 81 dy 15/16-1-1918.
	States that the Jagat Pershad's Collection of Coins was valued by Mr Dikshit, Curator of the Lucknow Museum by his going through the descriptive list furnished by Mr Pershad & that Dr. Taylor of Ahmedabad suggested his name for the purpose —
	17 Subd for orders with reference to para 14.
	21 18/1/18 VS 18 Issued.

U. Sir

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of the Museum be authorized to offer Rs. 2500 to Mr Joseph Pinsard for his Collection. In that case, funds will have to be found in Consultation with Mr H Shepley

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21 This is a most unbusinesslike proposition

22 There is not a single picture in the Corporation collection of Old Cairo. The interest of such a collection would be of local Cairene interest only.

23 I think the proposal should be dropped

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24 Put up with a draft

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24 H 13/2/18

26 Issue H/f 14/2/18

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8	To The Supdt. Govt Museum G 1145-8 dt 18.2.18 States with reg to 8b7 that the proposal to purchase Mr. Jagath Prasad's collection of Coins does not Commend itself to Govt

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20 FEB 1918

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No. 3. enclosure.

Mysore Government Museum,
Bangalore, 30th June 1917. 5th July

From,

The Superintendent,
Mysore Government Museum,
B a n g a l o r e.

To,

The Secretary to the Government of
H. H. The Maharaja of Mysore,
General Department,
B a n g a l o r e.

Sir,

I have the honor to state that Mr. Jagat Prasad Deputy Controller, Posts and Telegraphs, Delhi, has offered to sell his collection of Coins to the Museum. The collection consists of 20 gold mohurs of Pathan kings of Delhi beginning from Mahommed bin Sâm,,40 gold mohurs of the Moghul Emperors issued from different mints, a few hundred silver Coins of the Moghul Emperors fairly representative, and a fair number of Pathan copper Coins of Delhi. It also includes a few gold Coins of Gupta and Kushan Emperors. Most of the Coins are new to the Museum and some of them are rare.

2. The present stock of 'Other Indian Coins' in the Museum cannot by any means be regarded as a representative collection to be of any interest to the student of history. Mr. Jagat Prasad's collection covers a fairly large period of the past history of India and relates to the Pathan and Moghul dynasties. Under the auspices of the Mythic Society and the Maharaja's College Historical Society, people in Mysore are being interested in the ancient history of Mysore in particular and that of India generally. Many students of the new University may need facilities are likely to devote their attention to a closer study of the ancient history of India. I

A representative collection of Coins in the Museum will, I venture to think, be of very valuable assistance to scholars and students alike in illustrating and often amplifying other records. The acquisition of Mr. Jagat Prasad's collection will be a first step in this direction. Rao Bahadur Mr. R.A.Narasimhachar, Director of Archæology in Mysore, considers the collection worthy of being purchased for the Museum.

3. Mr. Jagat Prasad does not stipulate any definite price for the collection of Coins but leaves it to us to offer a suitable price. He however mentions that he expects an expert to value his collection at about Rs.5,000/- and that he is agreeable to accept any reasonable offer if it covers the actual cost of the collection including incidental expenditure such as loss on bad coins, cost of literature, interest &c. This is a matter in which we have to take in the aid of a Numismatist to find out in the first place the historical value of the Coins, then their rarity and lastly the present state of the Coins. But this can be done if Government should be pleased to accord sanction to the purchase of the collection.

4. The probable price that may be arrived at even on a rough calculation cannot be met by the ordinary budget grant of the Museum. A special grant will therefore be necessary for the purchase.

5. Copy of letter dated 29th August 1916 from Mr. Jagat Prasad and the list of Coins received from him, in original, (to be obligingly returned when done with) are forwarded herewith for reference.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Offg. Superintendent.

(Copy of letter dated 29th August 1916 from Mr.Jegat Prasad to the Superintendent, Mysore Government Museum.)

"Dear sir,

" Many thanks for your D.O.No.30 dated 24th instant, relating to my collection of coins.

In the list of coins I sent to you I had mentioned their approximate weight, viz. "160-170 grains, unless otherwise stated." It would be rather troublesome to give the exact weight of every coin. They are, however, almost all, well-preserved specimens, and before sending the list to you I had taken out all duplicates, and defective and worn-out specimens. I shall be glad to send the collection for inspection, after which you can make your offer, -- subject to Government sanction. I can wait for payment and if the transaction falls through at any stage, I shall take the collection back.

It is difficult for me to mention a price for the collection. My idea is that an expert would value it at about Rs. 5,000/-, but I shall be glad to consider whatever offer may appear to you reasonable. If your offer covers the actual cost of the collection, including incidental expenses, such as loss on bad coins, cost of literature, and interest, I shall be glad to accept it."

T. Anantha Rao

Offg. Superintendent.

Mysore Govt. Museum.

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Dear Mr. Narasingarao,

I shall be obliged if you will kindly return by bearer the list of Coins (Mr. Jagat Bhandari's Collection) forwarded with Museum letter No. 38 5/7/1917, as it is required for reference here.

Yours

K. Aiyangar

Museum. 16/10/1917.

Compared with 16/10/17

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SUBJECT.....

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Diary No. of letter replied to.....145.....

Section GM
File No. 118-17
Serial No.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,
(GM)
, *the* 191 .

No. G 540

Date of issue.....17th July 1917

Signed by.....Sd/- Tej Ram

To

The Superintendent
Govt Museum.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 3 of the 5th July 1917 re the purchase of ~~the~~ a Collection of ~~Coins~~ Coins from Mr. Jagat Prasad, Dy Controller, Posts and Telegraph, Delhi. I am directed to request you to forward a copy of Mr. Rao Bahadur R. Narasimhachar's opinion ~~to the effect that the Collection is worthy of being purchased for the Museum~~.

By the Hon'ble ~~Mover~~. P.T.O.

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For Secretary of War

General Staff

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FILE NO.

Mysore Government Museum.
Bangalore, Dated 5th August 1917

From

The Superintendent,
Government Museum.
Bangalore.

To

The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.
General Department.
Bangalore.

Sir,

As desired in your letter No.C540/G.M.118-17-2 dated 17th July 1917, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of D.O.letter No.13 dated 10th July1916 from Mr R. Narasimhachar in the matter of the purchase of Mr.Jagath Prasad's collection of Coins.

I have the honor to be,
S i r,
Your most obedient servant,

Offg. Superintendent.

S.L.N.

GPB—50,000—13-9-15

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From The Superintendent—
Govt. Museum.
Bangalore

To The Secretary to the Govt:
of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore.
General Department
Bangalore

Dated 5th
Despatched 7th } August 1917

Received

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Enclosure No. One

Forwards Copy of D.O. letter No. 130, 10/7/1916. from Rao. Bahadur M.S. R. Narsimhachar. to Superintendent Govt. Museum. —

(Copy of D.O.No.12 dated 10th July 1916 from Rao Bahadur Mr.Narsimha Char to the Superintendent, Mysore Government Museum.)

I send copy of a letter received by Mr.J.S.Chakravarti from Mr.Jagad Prasad, Deputy Controller, Post and Telegraphs, Delhi, about the collection of coins available for sale. From the description given, it appears to be a good collection worthy of being added to the Museum Cabinet. But I do not know if any of these coins are already in the Museum. In case most of them are new, are you prepared to recommend to Government the purchase of the collection ?

An early reply will oblige

Offg. Superintendent,
Govt. Museum.

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SUBJECT re Valuation of the Collection of Coins proposed to be purchased from Mr Jagat Prasad

Diary No. of letter replied to 1003

Section Gen
File No. 118-17
Serial No. 4

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,
(Gen.)
, *the* *191*

No. & 2069

Date of issue 16 8 1917

Signed by Mr. B. Narayanaswamy Iyengar

To

The Superintendent
~~Depose~~ Govt Museum.
Bangalore -

Sir,

With reference to Correspondence ending with your letter No. 17 & the 5th August 1917 regarding the purchase of Mr Jagat Prasad's Collection of Coins for the Museum. I am directed to request you to get the Collection valued by an expert and report ~~Must~~ with a view to enable the ~~the Govt~~ to Govt ~~in time to the passing of~~ to pass ~~such~~ final orders in the matter. I have etc

for Secretary.

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No. 70

Mysore Government Museum.

Bangalore. Dated 15th December 1917.

From

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The Superintendent,

Mysore Government Museum.

B a n g a l o r e.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of

H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

B a n g a l o r e.

Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter No. G 2069/G.M.118-17-4 dated the 16th of August 1917, asking me to get Mr. Jagath Prasad's collection of coins - - valued by an expert, I have the honor to state that a - - - Numismatist, who went through the list, is of opinion that - the collection of gold and silver coins is worth Rs. 2,500/-.

Besides gold and silver, Mr. Jagath Prasad's collection consists of some copper and billon coins and these may be - roughly valued at Rs.100/-.

I have the honor to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

S.B.N.

Offg. Superintendent.

GPB—50,000—13-9-15

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From

The Superintendent,
Govt. Museum.
Bangalore.

To

The Chief Secretary to the
Govt. of H.H.the Maharaja
Of Mysore.
Bangalore.

Dated 15-12-17

Despatched 16-12-17 } December 1917.

Received

General No. 70 — 272

No. — 3 DEC 1917

Enclosure No. —

States that a Numismatist estimates the collection of gold and silver coins of Mr. Jagath Prasad at Rs.2,500/-, the others being roughly valued at - Rs. 100/.

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SUBJECT Confl

Diary No. of letter replied to 4611

Section Gm
File No. 118-17
Serial No. 6

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT
(Gm)
, *the* 191 .

No. G. 8901

Date of issue 29-12-17

To

The Superintendent,
Mysore Govt Museum.

Signed by Mr J E Hellyar.

With reference to his letter No. 70 dy the 15th December 1917 has the honor to enquire as to who was ~~the~~ the Numismatist that made the valuation of Mr. Jagath Prasad's collection of coins, and whether he is a reliable person ~~and whether he is a relative~~

By order.

22/12/17
for Chief Secretary

VS

Confidential

No. 87

Gen. 118-17-6.

Office of the Superintendent,
Mysore Government Museum,
Dated Bangalore the 15th January, 1918.

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From

L.Bishtopanth Badami, Esq., B.A.,
Offg. Superintendent, Govt. Museum,
Bangalore.

To

C.S.Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government
of Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

Adverting to your docket No.G.8901/G.M.118-17-6 dated 29th December 1917, regarding the valuation of Mr.Jagath Prasad's collection of coins offered for sale to the Museum, I have the honor to state that the valuation was made by the Curator of the Lucknow Museum, Mr.Dikshit, who was referred to us by Doctor Taylor of Ahmedabad, who is known to be a Numismatist of some repute by his occasional writings on that subject. The valuation was made by going through the descriptive list furnished by Mr.Prasad.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Offg. Superintendent,
Government Museum.

V.R.R.

V 2nd 1911

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From

Diary ... 5560.

The Superintendent
Fort Museum.

SECTION

No. To

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The Chief Secretary
to Govt of Mysore
Bangalore

Dated 15 Jany 18

Despatched 16 - Jany 18

Received

General No. 81

No.

Enclosure No. —

Reporting that the Valuation of Mr Jagat Prasad's Collection of Coins was done by the Curator of the Lucknow Museum by going through the list furnished by Mr Prasad.

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Diary No. of letter replied to .. 5560

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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Section

File No. 18-1

Serial No.

No. G 1145 S 18

Date of issue 18. 2. 18

Signed by M. D E J Keegan

To

The Supdt, Govt Museum

Sir,

With reference to the Correspondence ending with your letter No. 8 I am directed to state that G the 15/16-1-1918 regarding the proposal purchase of Mr Jagath Prasads Collection of Coins for the Govt Museum I am directed to state that the proposal should not be dropped as it does not commend itself to the Government

Govt are not in favour of it. does not

Recommend

Yours etc

M J 14/2/18

Undersecretary

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